Distributorships run by Government in Northern India

1619. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many dealerships/distributorships are being run by Government/ Government agencies in Northern India;

(b) how many complaints have been received by the Oil Corporations/ Government against the working during the last three years;

(c) how many inspections have been conducted by the officers to ensure their working during last three years, dealerships/distributorship-wise;

(d) how many warning letters have been issued for the irregularities; and

(e) what is the justification to offer thousands of dealerships/ distributorships to them on Tehsil level locations whether the dealerships/ distributorships have been allotted to Kargil war widows?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) As per information available, around 49 RO dealerships and 111 LPG distributorships are being run by Government/Government agencies in Northern India.

(b) to (e) Complaints against the dealerships/distributorships including dealerships/distributorships run by Government agencies are received from time to time. The Government has laid down guidelines for dealing with such complaints. Oil Marketing Companies carry out regular/surprise inspections of dealerships/distributorships. Special drives are also launched to check malpractices. In established cases of irregularities/malpractices action against the erring dealers/distributors is taken as per guidelines on this subject.

The Government have formulated a Special Scheme to allot 500 LPG distributorships/RO dealerships to the widows/dependents of the defence personnel killed in action. The allotments are made on the recommendations of the Ministry of Defence.

Amount spent on modernisation of petrol pumps

1620. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state: